

Social and Personal

Look down, you gods,
And on this couple drop a blessed crown.
—Shakespeare.
God knows what mischief may arise
When love links two young people in one
fetter.
—Byron.
Inform me next what love will do,
'Twill strangely make a one of two.
—Suckling.
There swims no goose so gray, but soon
or late,
She finds some honest gander for her
mate.
—Pope.
Then come the wild weather,
Come sleep or come snow;
We will stand by each other,
However it blow.
—Longfellow.
When once the heart of a maiden is
stolen,
The maiden herself will steal after it
—Moore.
Woman, the fairest work of the great
Author. The edition is large, and no
man can afford to be without a copy.
—Conant—Southall.

The wedding of Miss Helen Temple Southall to Mr. Stuart Conant, of Atlanta, Ga., was quietly celebrated at 2 P. M. yesterday, April 5th, in Holy Trinity Church, the father of the groom, the Rev. Dr. Clarence Mortimer Conant, rector of the Episcopal Church at Fincastle, Va., performing the ceremony.

The bride, who is the daughter of No. 814 East Byrd Street, and an extremely popular member of Richmond society, entered the church with her father, who gave her away. She was beautifully dressed in white silk, with a long, flowing train, and a large, elaborate veil. The ceremony was performed in the usual manner, and the bride and groom were pronounced man and wife. The bride's bouquet was a large one, and the ceremony was a very quiet and intimate affair.

After an extended bridal tour, Mr. and Mrs. Conant will make their home in Atlanta, where Mr. Conant, who is an electrician by profession, is successfully established socially and professionally. The young couple received from their many friends numerous beautiful and elegant wedding gifts.

Valentine—Bragg.

Miss Elise Bragg and Mr. Granville Gray Valentine were married last evening at 8:30 o'clock in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Robert Strang.

The historic church was decorated in palms and Easter lilies, and crowded to its full capacity by the relatives and friends of bride and groom. The bride came in as the choir sang the wedding hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." After the ceremony the choir proceeded down the aisle singing "O Perfect Love," as set to music by the late Dr. Hartley Carmichael, formerly of St. Paul's.

The bride, formerly of St. Paul's, walked to the altar with her brother, Mr. Lee Bragg, who gave her hand in marriage. She was attended by Miss Fannie McGuire as maid of honor. Her bridesmaids were: Miss Nettie McGuire, Miss Bertie Nolting, Miss Mary Rogers, Miss Kathleen Anderson, Miss Dorothea Lee, Miss Mary Donnan, Miss Annie Gray, Miss Maria Moseley, Miss Bessie Dunlop, all of Richmond; Miss Mary McLean, of Petersburg; Miss Abby St. John, of Fredericksburg; Miss Kate and Miss Page Williams, and Miss Mary Madison Lee, of Orange, Va.

Pretty maids' gowns were of white silk, and the bridesmaids wore blue. The wedding was the scene of one of the most beautiful weddings of the spring season at 5:30 P. M., yesterday, when their daughter, Miss Alice Blanche Morgan, became the bride of Mr. William Ayres Reynolds, of Toronto, Canada, the Rev. Dr. George Cooper officiating.

Reynolds—Morgan.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tate Morgan, No. 111 East Franklin Street, was the scene of one of the most beautiful weddings of the spring season at 5:30 P. M., yesterday, when their daughter, Miss Alice Blanche Morgan, became the bride of Mr. William Ayres Reynolds, of Toronto, Canada, the Rev. Dr. George Cooper officiating.

The house was decorated in Southern style, palms and sweet peas, a large basket of those lovely flowers being the centerpiece of the table in the dining-room. A ribbon aisle extended through the drawing rooms to the altar in the front bay, canopied with smilax and bunched with white sweet peas. Stately palms formed the background against which the Easter lilies were massed at the altar. Altar pedestals, wreathed in smilax, bore seven branched crystal candelabra with white wax tapers. The music was directed by Professor Reinhardt, with Miss Annie Reinhardt as violinist.

The bride, preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Maude Morgan, entered with her father and was given away by him. She wore an exquisite princess gown of crepe chiffon over a foundation of silk, veiled in platings and ruchings of liberty satin. The long trained skirt had panels and inserts of Spanish lace in a Pompadour rose pattern. The corsage had a berthe and medallions of the same lace, and the bride carried a coronation bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor was in a toilet of liberty chiffon and Val lace, the chiffon reproducing the beautiful shade of the lavender sweet pea. The costume was finished by a Val lace hat with a sweet pea wreath.

Mr. George Jayne, of Berkeley, Pa., was best man. Mr. Eugene Morgan, of Durham, N. C., and Mr. Samuel Tate Morgan, Jr., were ribbon holders. Mrs. S. T. Morgan, the bride's mother, was very

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No. 150.

JIM BLUESO, OF THE PRAIRIE BELLE.

By JOHN HAY.

John Hay (1839), poet, author, diplomat, Secretary of State, was represented in this series by his poem, "My Castles in Spain," printed, with a sketch of his life, on June 15, 1891, in the "Tribune." Most of this collection was written while Mr. Hay was a "Tribune" editor. No long ago Mr. Hay, speaking to George Cary Eggleston, said: "Mark Twain has criticised the ballad, saying that Jim Blueso must have been a pilot and not an engineer, for that an engineer, having one set his engines going, could have no need to stay by them. However, as a Mississippi River steamboat has two engines, each acting upon a separate wheel, and as the current is enormously strong in that river, it was necessary for the engineer to remain at his post, working one engine and then the other, going forward on one and backing with the other, 'if' her nozzle was to be held again the bank till the last galoot's ashore."



WALL NO! I can't tell what he lives,
Because he don't live, you see;
Leastways, he's got out of the habit
Of livin' like you and me.
What have you been for the last three years,
That you haven't heard folks tell
How Jim Blueso passed in his checks,
The night of the Prairie Belle?

He weren't no saint,—them engineers
Is all pretty much alike,—
One wife in Natchez-under-the-Hill
And another one here, in Tikie;
A careless man in his talk was Jim,
And an awkward hand in a row,
But he never flunked, and he never lied,
I reckon he never knowed how.

And this was all the religion he had,—
To treat his engine well;
Never be passed on the river;
To mind the pilot's bell;
And if ever the Prairie Belle took fire,—
A thousand times he swore
He'd hold her nozzle agin the bank
Till the last soul got ashore.

All boats has their day on the Mississippi
And her day come at last,—
The Movastar was a better boat,
But the Belle, she wouldn't be passed,
And so she come tearin' along that night—
The oldest craft on the line—
With a nigger squat on her safety-valve,
And her furnace crammed, rosin and pine.

The fire burst out as she cleared the bar,
And burnt a hole in the night,
And quick as a flash she turned and made
For that willer-bank on the right,
ere was runnin' and cursin', but Jim yelled out,
"I'll hold her nozzle agin the bank
Till the last galoot's ashore."

Through the hot, black breath of the burnin' boat
Jim Blueso's voice was heard,
And they all had trust in his cussedness,
And knowed he would keep his word.
And, sure as you're born, they all got off,—
Afore the smokestacks fell,—
And Blueso's ghost went up alone
In the smoke of the Prairie Belle.

He weren't no saint,—but at Judgment
I'd run my chance with Jim,
'Longside of some pious gentlemen
That wouldn't shook hands with him.
He seen his duty, a dead-sure thing,—
And went for it that and then;
And Christ ain't a-goin' to be too hard
On a man that died for men.

John Hay

handsome in black lace and violets, with diamond ornaments.

A reception, at which a delicious collection was served, succeeded the ceremony, after which Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds left for their bridal tour. Their home at its conclusion will be in Toronto, Canada, where Mr. Reynolds is successfully practicing law.

Bridal gifts in costly silver, cut-glass and other articles of beauty and use were received in great profusion. Out-of-town guests present at the wedding were:

Mrs. E. V. Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds, Mr. C. B. Reynolds, of Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. W. Morgan, Mr. Eugene Morgan, of Durham, N. C.; Mr. Samuel C. Jayne, Mr. Jayne, of Berkeley, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John Van Nest of Princeton, N. J.; Mr. Stubb, of Lawrenceville, N. J.; Mr. Frank Ridley, Mr. James Barrow, of Athens, Ga.; Mr. Jack Gregory, of Chase City, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Carr, Mrs. George Lyon, of Durham, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bryan, of New York, and others.

Much interest is felt by Richmond and Chesterfield society in the wedding of

Baltimore, and Mr. Harry C. Holland, of Chesterfield, will make up the list of groomsmen.

The bride will enter with her brother-in-law, Mr. W. W. Friend. The music will be directed by Mr. Richard R. Bacon, who will render the wedding march, and during the ceremony, will play "Violeta."

The bridal party was delightfully entertained by Miss Holland at "Holland Hill" last night. The color scheme, in pink and white, was carried out in room decorations and in the daintiest refreshments. Mrs. James Holmes Britton, of Baltimore, presided at the punch bowl. Those present were: Misses Nellie, Mamie and Evelyn Palmer, of Powhatan; Misses Ellen, Mamie and Minnie Weisger, of Manchester; Miss Claudia Virginia Selden, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Britton, of Baltimore; Misses Florence McRae, of Manchester; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Selden, of Richmond; Mrs. Henry Holland, Dr. and Mrs. Goran Hill, Messrs. H. D. and E. H. Selden, Mr. W. C. Pulliam, Messrs. T. G. and A. H. Turpin, Mr. G. R. Williams, Mr. Fred Cooke, of Hampton, Va.; Mr. W. W. Friend, Mr. H. C. Holland and Mr. Holland French.

Otey—Tyler.

Of interest to the social world here is the marriage to-day at Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, Va., of Miss Julia Virginia Magruder Tyler, daughter of the late George Tyler, and Julia Magruder Tyler, "Ellenholm," Caroline county, sister of former Governor J. Hoge Tyler, to Mr. James Armistead Otey, youngest son of Dr. James Hervey Otey and Mary Louisa Kent Otey, of "Walnut Spring," Montgomery county, Va.

This marriage is another link between two of the oldest and best known families in Eastern and Southwest Virginia, and the popular couple will carry to their future home, near Blacksburg, the love and good wishes of many relatives and hosts of friends throughout the State.

Sprague—Pizzini.

No wedding of Easter week has aroused more interest than that of Miss Estelle Annelle Pizzini, the youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs. Andrew Pizzini, of No. 909 Floyd Avenue, to Mr. George Everett Sprague, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

The wedding, scheduled for 6:30 P. M. to-day, will be very quiet on account of bereavement in the bride's family. Mr. Sprague belongs to a well known and wealthy family, and is a prominent business and club man.

Saunders—Lovell.

An interesting wedding, to take place to-day at 6:30 P. M., in Balnbridge Street Baptist Church, Manchester, will be that of Miss Coley Blanche Lovell, the daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. W. Lovell, to Dr. Wade Hampton Saunders, of Gato City, Va.

The Rev. E. V. Baldy will officiate. Miss Julia Ashburn will be maid of honor. Bridesmaids will include Miss Mozelle Gregory and Miss Ethel Morrisette, of Manchester; Miss Edna Bailey, of Lawrenceville, and Miss Emily Bunting, of Portsmouth.

Dr. E. P. Jarrett, of Portsmouth, Va., is to be best man; the ushers, Mr. Howard L. Lovell, Mr. Allen Pettigrew, Mr. Ernest J. Lovell, of Manchester, and Dr. B. V. McRae, of Richmond.

Easter Sociable at Home for Incubables.

Due to the kindness of Mrs. Annie Price, the weary hearts of the inmates of the "Home for Incubables" were gladdened and cheered on Monday afternoon by a delightful evening of music and recreation.

Four young ladies of the Woman's College—Misses Annie Laurie Dillard, Anne Buxton, Sophie Moore and Elizabeth Gregory—furnished music, both instrumental and vocal. Misses Mary Smith, Mabel Jordan, and Glenice Reid cheered the inmates by their presence.

Miss Pentek also sang delightfully. Miss Elizabeth Lewis Baylor added greatly to the pleasure of the evening by the recital of several choice selections. "Was indeed an inspiring sight to see almost helpless old ladies enjoying the entertainment."

Such evenings as these afford true happiness to those in that most worthy institution. Ice cream and fruit were served, and proved most enjoyable.

Woman's Mission Union.

The first session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of East Hanover Presbytery opened at 10 A. M. yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church, the president, Mrs. James P. Smith, in the chair.

Miss Branch Blinford made the address of welcome. Mrs. Smith responding on behalf of the union. After roll call of the delegates and reports from the societies, the time was devoted to the business of the union. Lunch was served in the church parlors, the afternoon session beginning at 2 o'clock.

After the devotional services, able and interesting papers were read on the following subjects: "Woman's Debt to Christ," by Mrs. H. G. Cannon; "Why I Believe in Foreign Missions," by Mrs. Samuel Sinton; "Women of the Twentieth Century: Their Privileges, Opportunities and Obligations," by Mrs. R. E. Mazell; "Woman's Work in the Southern Presbyterian Church," by Miss Lacy, of Fredericksburg.

One of the most enjoyable features of the programme was a talk on "What We Do at Our Training School," by Miss Julia Bell Brown.

During the hour for discussion, no question awakened more interest and enthusiasm than "What Steps Should be Taken to More Thoroughly Organize the Work of the Women of the Southern Presbyterian Church in Foreign Missions?"

The attendance was large, twenty-six delegates from out-of-town societies being present. The meeting was a success in every way. The session to-day will be held from 10 A. M. to 12 M. When the following papers will be read:

"How Can We Interest Girls in Missions?" by Mrs. James Powers Smith will attend the marriage on Thursday, April 7th, of their son, Mr. Horace Lacy Smith, to Miss Sallie MacCorkle Lane, the ceremony to be performed in the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Edward Lane, of Bedford City.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray, Jr., Mrs. R. T. Hunter and Miss Bessie Hunter were in the number of those who accompanied the Westmoreland Club party to Newport News to witness the launching of the battleship Virginia yesterday.

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Reception to Naval Officers.

A reception in honor of the admirals and officers of the United States fleet assembled at Pensacola, Fla., will be given at the Okeana Club, in that city, this evening at 9 o'clock.

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along?" by Miss Kate Talley; "Is Work With Boys Worth While?" by Miss Katherine Hawes; "Qualifications and Training for Leadership in Young People's Work," by Miss Hope A. Morgan. The afternoon session will last from 2 until 4 o'clock. There will be papers as follows:

"How to Make Our Meetings More Interesting and Profitable," by Mrs. J. Calvin Stewart; "The Keynote to the Missionary Problem," by Mrs. H. H. McVeigh; "The Missionary Library and Literature," by Mrs. J. J. Jameson.

At 3:15 o'clock in the evening there will be an address by the Rev. J. J. Conkling, of the Reformed Church, of New York city. An offering for foreign missions will be received at this time. The conference will then adjourn to meet a year hence in Fredericksburg.

Personal Mention.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1903, OF THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF THE SECURITY LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY OF AMERICA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

Name of the Company in full—SECURITY LIFE AND ANNUITY COMPANY OF AMERICA. Location of home or principal office of said company—HOME OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA.; EXECUTIVE OFFICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA. Character of the business transacted by the company—LIFE, HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE. President—E. D. NEWMAN. Secretary—E. L. SHELTON. Organized and incorporated—MARCH 1, 1902. Reincorporated—JUNE 24, 1903. Commenced business—MARCH 21, 1902. Name of the General Agent in Virginia—A. CLOVER, 2-3½ NEWS-LEADER BUILDING, RICHMOND, VA.

Amount of capital stock June 12, 1903..... \$100,000 00
Increased during the year..... 25,000 00
Total..... \$125,000 00
No. of policies..... 267
Amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year..... \$ 856,000 00
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby..... 1,030 \$4,246,700 00
Total..... 17 \$4,246,700 00
Number of policies in force at end of year..... 1,003
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year..... 1,003 \$4,246,700 00

RECEIPTS.
Amount of premiums received..... \$56,793 70
Amount of interest received..... \$28,742 50
Lodges sums transferred from old company..... 20,000 00
Surplus contributed..... 67,442 50
Total, including capital as above..... \$279,932 20

DISBURSEMENTS.
Amount of losses paid..... \$ 2,000 00
Amount of all other disbursements..... 61,586 24
Income over disbursements..... 215,350 06
Total..... \$279,932 20

ASSETS.
Bonds, book value, \$114,203.75; present value below book value, \$112,160 00
\$1,117.75
Cash in banks, trust companies and company's office..... 54,836 22
Loans on company's policies, assigned as collateral..... 34,064 85
Premium notes, etc., \$475.60; agents' balances, \$3,011.75..... 9,515 81
Carried out at market value—Total..... \$212,512 91

LIABILITIES.
Amount of liability on policies, etc., in force 31st December, 1903, on basis of 3½ per cent American experience mortality table by the Insurer..... \$ 60,140 00
Reinsurance in other solvent companies..... 702 00
Surplus as regards policyholders..... \$ 50,438 00
Total..... \$112,580 00
Total..... \$212,512 91

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1903.
Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1902..... No. Amount.
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1903..... 63 \$40,250 00
Total..... 157 \$90,175 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1903..... 28 123,090 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1903..... 129 \$463,750 00
No losses incurred and none paid.
Amount of assessments, premiums, dues and fees collected or secured in Virginia during the year 1903, in cash and notes or credits, without any deduction for losses, dividends, commissions, or other expenses..... \$17,321 50
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(Signed) E. L. SHELTON, Secretary.

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